

Select Miscellany.

MARCH.
The spring March has come at last.
With wind, and cloud, and changing skies;
I have the rainbow in the sky,
That through the sunny valley flows.
Ah, passing over they also speak
With sunny smiles, in praise of the sun,
They say they wish the sunny day,
That is a welcome word to us.

For those who are weary of the sun,
The glass and thermometer show
And then the gentle breeze blows,
And what a welcome word to us.

And in the rain of black and storm
From winter's darkness and cold,
And brightly shining in the hills,
Begin their journey to the sun.

The rain's departing beauty bright
Of winter's storm the autumn storm;
But in the sun's warm rays
A new life is born.

These things the hope of those who sleep,
And that the sun's warm rays
From the wide world of the sun,
Begin their journey to the sun.

It was time for the summer vacation,
And three of us who were generally agreed
to one another, "Let us go to the school
and see the new teacher." We shall have the ocean thrown in, can probably
be lodged together, and who knows what
pleasant things may be laid up there waiting for us.

School has closed. With a thrill of joy
such as only a hard-working teacher knows,
we turned the key upon worry and care,
and had a few lovely days of rest at home,
and now have taken seats in the early train,
and will be in New Lincoln in time for the first
session, and our place for tea. Teachers
at these conventions were entertained by the
citizens.

We were all young. Ada and I were
sisters, and Anna was just like one of our
family. We were just in that frolicsome
mood that borders on merriment, but does not
venture in where there seems to be a funny
side to everything. We wonder where we
shall go, and whom we shall meet, but the
system of imparting instruction, and the best
methods of government that we may learn do
not affect us as forcibly as the original
founders of the school convention might have
deemed necessary and proper.

A crowd had gathered in the waiting room
when we arrived, and places were being
assigned. A large number of the teachers
were expected, for there was bustling about,
and looking for more hospitable mansions.
Teachers were talking to the students, and
determined to get his or her card as soon as
possible.

"Let us sit down in this corner and wait,"
said Ada. "I never like to push."

"How long will you wait?" asked another.

"A patient waiter is no loser. Why,
somebody waits as of course."

So we took our seats, and watched the throng
coming and going.

I shall never forget my first glimpse of the
man destined to be so important a part in
our visit. He was one of the committee, and
just best forward, and addressed a remark to
the secretary, then, taking up his hat, passed
out. I remember that he glanced at our
corner as he went by. Swedenborg tells of
the invisible circle surrounding each individual,
corresponding to his spiritual presence.
With some it is small and faint, with others
it is wide and clear, and as the perfume
around a fragrant flower.

Something of the kind came to me through
the magnetism of this man. He certainly
had the mark of the great one, and his
figure, but through it all there shone a
spiritual brightness. It was in the light that
beamed through his eyes, and in the smile
that brought to mind Corneille's
angels; in the expression that told of some
experience, where only the sweetness of sorrow
had been the thought of the angelic
saints, of Nathaniel, the man without guile,
of the beloved disciple, and by standing if
this person, like the famous Swedenborg,
did not make sinners repent by his words
and life.

Ada whispered: "Did you notice that
man? In and out he was looking at us
forward." "Girls, did you notice that man?
Did you ever see any one like him before?"
He came back and went on with his work.
Once or twice we asked Ada if she would
not go forward, and she replied: "No, I
can't bear to be urgent; they will come to
us by and by."

Occasionally he passed, but without a word.
We wondered if he thought us unworthy of
the better places.

At last, when nearly all had been sent out,
he came: "You have been waiting a long
time; you three like to go together?"

"Yes," answered Ada.

"Would you be willing to take one room
with two beds?"

"Oh, yes," said Anna, eagerly, "that is
just what we would like to do."

He brought a card. "Here is the place.
No. 9, at Mrs. Weston's, Weston street, and
this is Miss Weston," pointing to a young
lady, "who will go with you."

We followed, passing up a long street with
fine residences, where other teachers had
been sent. Some of the ladies and I
were behind, would whisper, "Don't you
wish it were here?" and finally of a large
stone house, "If it could be this; but she
doesn't look like it."

However she stops and remarks, "We are
here at last."

We walked through pleasant grounds into
a wide porch and hall. Mrs. Weston, a lady
freer and handsomer than her daughter,
met us cordially. We were led to our room.
It is cool and pleasant. Anna, who has been
one of the committee, has been here for
some time, and she says, "This is a fine
place, and I am glad to see you."

Ada and Anna put on their light blue
dresses, and we went down to supper.
Waiting for us at the door, stands Mr. Rowe.
"I am very glad to welcome you here," he
said, "and I am glad to see you."

There is such kindness and cordiality in his
few words that I think of all the good
things I mean to do in the future. We are
presented to the rest of the household—two
daughters, a son home from sea, and two little
boys.

It was a lovely day when we returned from
the evening session, which was devoted to
a lecture upon the benefit of studying the
ancient languages, especially Greek. I think
at this time we stood high in Mr. Rowe's
favor. He had shown us marked politeness
and attention. Before retiring, the family
grouped about the room, and the conversation
turned upon self-sacrifice and loving
one's neighbor. I had a bad headache, but
conversations we were up to the night.
Anna was unusually cheerful. She had been
and I remembered with a pleasant look
Mr. Rowe listened and replied to her.

"What a good tale we had!" His thoughts
and words are always helpful. "Christ
gives us the best lesson," he said. "Look
out for your neighbor's happiness and well-
fare, and God will take care of you; you
do believe in vicarious suffering. Every day
you suffer for another. It is the nature of
love to do this." "I am glad," said the
father experienced in the return of the
prodigal implies the previous sorrow, so even
the eternal glories of the divine life,
is mingled the sorrow over the wayward
and lost. Speaking of strength: "A Christian
character is only as strong as its weakest
link."

Ada said, "Well, if life were not full of
trouble and care?"

He turned with a glance of sympathy that
was like a benediction. "But God turns
that trouble into blessing and peace."

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there. "How do you feel?" asked one.
"As if I had been among the gods!" answered
another.

"O, girls," exclaimed Ada, "it would take
an angel to be that man's wife! And Anna
and I go off into rapturous laughter. We
take the books from the shelves and read,
"Mr. Rowe gave this to Ellen and this to
Anna, and this to Lucy."

"How did it go?"
"Well, he's pretty old."
"If there be not too much iridescent
splendor shining in my face I'm going to
wash it!"

"How can you use such a common expres-
sion? Say, 'I'm going to bathe my visage.'"
Then we all laugh again. Once Ada did
warn us, "We must be quiet. What if any
body should hear?"

"Well, they can't. There's no door except
into the hall."

"What would you say," asked Anna in a
loud whisper to me as she turned off the gas.
"If some one like Mr. Rowe was waiting
for Ada?"

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do all the work I wish to do, and I feel
much better than I have for some time."

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some time, and it has done me a great deal of
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